1	2	3	4
6	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	39
		Cuddapah	27
		Nellore	28
		TOTAL:	94
		G. TOTAL:	581

Consumers of BSNL mobile phones

462. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumers of BSNL mobile phones of bordering districts of Bihar have to pay roaming charges as the capacity of towers of West Bengal are more powerful than of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government would take to safeguard the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, BSNL does not have roaming charges. Although power capability of radio systems are same across the country, a subscriber can get signals of adjoining districts of the States. In such case, subscriber is treated as roaming subscriber and is suitably charged.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Efforts are taken by BSNL to limit signals across border of a State but this can at best be minimized and not eliminated.

Supply of cellular equipment for BSNL

463. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tendering process for supply of cellular equipment for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has been badly delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to enable BSNL to compete with other private players of Telecom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c)Yes, Sir. The procurement efforts received a setback with one of the bidder approaching the Hon'ble High Court against the decision of BSNL rejecting its bid. The case was withdrawn in April' 07. Advance Purchase Order (APO) has now been placed on the